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In response to the Office Action mailed **October 24, 2001**, in conjunction  
with the above-captioned patent application, and having a statutory period for response of  
**January 24, 2002**, with a one month extension of time to and through **February 24,**  
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